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A.—(*a*) Under the rules in the Madras Jail Manual 'A' and 'B' class prisoners are supplied with soap and all female prisoners with oil and soapnut. Oil is not supplied to prisoners for bath. The rules apply to all prisoners in all jails without discrimination.

(*b*) & (*c*) The facts are as stated by the hon. Member.

(*d*) The restrictions referred to in (*b*) and (*c*) have been in force for a number of years.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether, in view of the fact that a large number of respectable persons have gone to prison for their political opinions, the Government will be pleased to consider the question of allowing them to purchase soap, oil and other toilet requisites?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"As I said in my answer to clause (*a*) A and B class prisoners are already allowed soap at the cost of Government."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Arising out of the answer to clause (*a*), A and B class male prisoners are not allowed oil and soapnut and it is only female prisoners that are allowed oil and soapnut, may I ask whether the Hon. the Law Member realizes that among South Indians weekly oil bath is an essential factor in their routine life?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The number of A and B class prisoners is now very small, and there has been no complaint from them on this score."

Irrigation

Exposure of Bapatla taluk to inundation.

* 647 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the taluk of Bapatla (the portion between Bapatla and Tenali) is subject to severe inundation during rainy season and the ryots are subject to severe loss, year after year, on account of damage to crops; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the various remedies that have been adopted during the last three years and what further remedies are under contemplation in the near future?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report [a] received from the Executive Engineer on the subject is laid on the table.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"In view of the report of the Executive Engineer, will the Government be pleased to expedite the estimate mentioned by him?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 104–105 infra.

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The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I cannot hold out any hopes of carrying out the recommendations of the Executive Engineer in the near future, owing to the large remissions of land revenue."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know, Sir, when the plans and estimates relating to the Kollimerla basin have been prepared and sent to the Executive Engineer? "

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Contributions payable on account of repairs to minor irrigation sources.

* 648 *Q.*—A. M. AHMED MEERAN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the policy of demanding contributions in respect of repairs of minor irrigation sources was brought into practice; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement of receipts and charges on ' minor irrigation works ' during the years 1930–31 and 1931–32?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 6 of Madras Act I of 1858 which provides for the levy of contribution in lieu of customary labour and to paragraphs 72 and 73 of Mr. Leach's report on Retrenchment of Land Revenue Establishment. The Government have accepted Mr. Leach's suggestions.

(*b*) Statements showing (1) contribution realized for repairs to, and (2) expenditure incurred on, minor irrigation works in the charge of the Revenue department in 1930–31 and 1931–32 are attached.[a] Information regarding the revenue realized by Government from these works is not available.

Land Revenue Administration

Representations from the Ryots' and Mirasidars' Associations of South Arcot for redress of grievances.

* 649 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the District Collector has received any representations from the various mirasidars' associations of South Arcot, as to the remission of land revenue and the redress of other connected grievances of the ryots in the district;

(*b*) if so, from what associations and individuals have such representations been received and what the subjects complained of are and the nature of the redress that is prayed for;

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 106–107 infra.